

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system, method and computer software for handling overload conditions in a request queue of a server in a client-server architecture. When request queue overload conditions are detected, one or more of the next-to-be serviced requests in the request queue of the server are removed and the remaining requests in the queue are forwarded by the same number of requests that were removed. By preventing the servicing of requests that may have already experienced a timeout by the requesting client, the overall performance of the system is increased.